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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Bharat Mathur
Acting Regional Administrator, R-19J
US EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Subject: Designation of PM2.5 Nonattainment Areas in Wisconsin.

Dear Acting Administrator Mathur:

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources submitted certified and fully quality-assured ambient air data for the year 2008 to USEPA's AQS data system. Fine particle data for the years 2006 to 2008 demonstrate attainment of the daily fine particle standard in Dane and Brown Counties. Therefore these areas, including Pacific Township in Columbia County, attain the standard. The table below summarizes 2006 to 2008 design values for your convenience.

County	2006-2008 PM2.5 Design Value ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
Brown	35
Dane	34
Note: Pacific Township's designation as nonattainment is based on the Dane County design value	

Given these new fine particle data, I request that USEPA make the technical amendment to remove Dane County, Brown County, and Pacific Township in Columbia County from the list of fine particle nonattainment counties.

As you are aware, the State of Wisconsin is very concerned about air pollution and the resultant adverse impacts to public health and the environment. The State has historically been a national leader in improving air quality and has put in place many critical air pollution regulations. The result of these past state actions has born fruit with an improvement in air quality in Wisconsin in recent years.

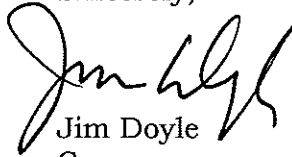
Wisconsin, however, has not rested on past actions. To ensure continued progress in meeting national air quality standards for ozone, fine particulates and haze, Wisconsin has promulgated four additional important air quality rules in the past three years:

- Clean Air Interstate Rule
- NOx Reasonable Available Retrofit Rule
- Best Available Retrofit Technology Rule
- Mercury Multi-pollutant Rule

The net result of these rules is to position the state to meet all applicable current federal air quality standards, and as a result, protect Wisconsin's citizens from the deleterious impacts of fine particulates, ozone, and haze.

Thank you for your attention to this very important air quality matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Doyle
Governor

CC: Senator Mark Miller, Chair, Senate Environment Committee
Representative Spencer Black, Chair, Assembly Natural Resource Committee
Matt Frank, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources
Al Shea, Administrator, Air & Waste Division, Department of Natural Resources
John Melby, Director, Bureau of Air Management, Department of Natural Resources
County Executives for Brown, Columbia, and Dane Counties